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FIRST LAND ENGAGEMENT IN RUSSIAN-JAPANESE WAR OCCURS

Cossacks Engage the Japanese and Capture a Few of Them at Port Arthur, According to Best Re- port Obtainable.

Believed Battle Was Between Reconnoitering Parties--American Cruisers Sail For Shanghai --Chinese are Destroying Eastern Asiatic Coast Trade.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 20--The first land encounter is reported from Port Arthur. Picket Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory and captured some Japanese prisoners.
The engagement was presumably between reconnoitering parties.
The Japanese fleet was seen off Port Arthur February 18th.
Chinese have almost paralyzed the coasting trade on the eastern Asiatic waters since war was declared.

American Cruisers Sail.
By Associated Press.
Manila, Feb. 20--The United States cruisers Cincinnati and Albany sailed to-day for Shanghai.

DR. MELOY IS DEAD

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 20--Rev. Dr. W. T. Meloy, a prominent Presbyterian minister, died suddenly of heart disease to-day.

PAYNE ROBBED

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 20--The hotel apartments of Postmaster General Payne were robbed to-day of \$1,600 in jewelry and \$150 in cash. Officers are trying to find the nurse formerly employed in the family.

MORGAN WEARIES

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 20--In the Senate Morgan made to-day what he said would be his last speech in opposition to the Panama Canal Treaty.

HEATH RESIGNS

By Associated Press.
Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 20--Perry S. Heath to-day wired Acting Chairman Payne his resignation as Secretary of the Republican National Committee, saying his action is due to the death of Chairman Hanna.

LECTURE BY PHILIP WILLETT

The ladies of the Circle of the King's Daughters have made arrangements for a lecture to be given in the Central Presbyterian church on Monday evening, March 7, by Attorney Philip Willett. The lecture is to be given for the purpose of raising money for the charitable work the ladies of the society have planned. The winter has been an extremely hard one and much suffering and privation has been experienced by the poor and the homeless. The complete arrangements for the lecture will be announced in the columns of the Daily Telegram at a later date.

QUARANTINE LIFTED.

The John and Thomas Dodd families, composed of 14 members, who have been under quarantine in Point Comfort for some time on account of small pox, were released Saturday and the house family. Six of them had the disease but there were no deaths.

LOCATES IN BUCKHANNO.

C. C. Vanderhoff, of Clarksburg, has again located here and is bookkeeper for the T. A. Loudin Planing Mill Co. on Franklin street. Buckhannon Banner.

CONFERENCES

Held Concerning the Election of a Successor to Late Senator Marcus A. Hanna, of Ohio.

By Associated Press.
Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 20--Conferences by Republicans were held here to-day concerning the senatorial election. Geo. B. Cox says positively he is not a candidate. There is pressure to get Governor Herrick to consent to be a candidate. There is a strong feeling in favor of Burton and Dick.

Governor Herrick said to-day the election last fall placed in his hands a trust and his duty was clear to execute that trust by remaining in the governor's chair.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Will Be Delivered by Mayor L. C. Crile For the Grand Army Post of Amity, Pa., His Boyhood Home.

Mayor L. C. Crile, is in receipt of a very urgent invitation to deliver the memorial address on Decoration Day, May 30, for the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Amity, Pennsylvania, his boyhood home. He will accept the invitation and render the address. The post is making big preparations for the memorial exercises. It is usually a big event in Amity as there are many veterans living in that vicinity.

CUTTING SCRAPE

OCCURS IN BROAD OAKS, FATHER OF ONE BOY HOLDING ANOTHER WHILE SON SLASHES HIM.

Little Stirling Wentz Receives Serious Wound on Right Leg--Warrant Out For McNemar and His Son.

John McNemar and his son, William, aged about 14 years, residing at Broad Oaks, are in serious trouble as the result of an alleged assault of a serious nature on Stirling Wentz, 14-year-old son of J. D. Wentz, of Broad Oaks, Friday afternoon at that place. The affair appears to have originated over an ordinary school-boy misunderstanding and the father of young McNemar took it up.

The Wentz lad's father claims McNemar held Wentz and told his boy to gash him. The latter took his father at his word and cut the Wentz boy with a knife in the fleshy part of the right leg, making a bad wound.

The father of the wounded boy appeared before Squire James N. David the same evening and swore out a warrant against McNemar and his son. The assault may amount to a felony.

The warrant has not yet been served and there will not likely be a hearing in the case until Monday, the weather being deemed too cold to bring the injured boy to the magistrate's office.

BIG SUITS

Instituted By the Little Kanawha Bank in Circuit Court Here Against Local Company and Persons.

Among the important suits just instituted in circuit court here are two by Little Kanawha Valley bank, of Glenville. One is against the Jackson Iron & Tin Plate Company, T. Moore Jackson and W. L. Grove, for \$10,000. The other is against the Park Coal Company for \$3,500 and \$500 damages. The bank also brings another suit against J. B. Hart.

THIEVES

Enter the Barn and Hen House of Abner Stout and Take Away Saddle, Ten Bushels of Wheat and Dozen Chickens.

Thieves entered the barn and hen house of Abner S. Stout, two miles from Quiet Dell a few nights ago and stole a saddle, 10 bushels of wheat and a dozen chickens. There is no clue. Ten dollars is offered for the return of the saddle and \$20 for the saddle and thieves. The saddle has a black seat and leather straps and measures about 16 inches. It was made by the late William Cullison and is valued highly.

KENNEY GETTING ALONG NICELY.

Ellsworth Kenney, colored, who was shot in the leg by a revolver held in the hands of Len Runyon, colored, the other night, is getting along very nicely at the Kessler hospital where he is a patient. The bullet entered the left thigh just above the knee joint and was taken out from the under side. The bone was badly fractured and although the wound is not a serious one it is very painful.

MURDER

MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AT CUZZARD, A SMALL TOWN IN PRESTON COUNTY.

MERCHANTS STORE AND RESIDENCE BURN AND HIS BODY FOUND IN THE RUINS.

Head and One Leg Separated From the Body--Two Fellows Had Been There Settling Their Accounts With Him

Word reaches here of what may have been a horrible murder in Cuzzard, a small town in Preston county, which occurred Wednesday morning. So far there have been no public accounts of it and the matter is being kept quiet until an investigation can be fully made.

John Kelley, merchant at that place, was the victim. His house and store, all the same building, were burned. The fire occurred after the school opening hour and three of the children were at school, leaving Kelley, his wife and one child at home. After the fire Kelley's body was found in the ruins with his head and one leg separated from the body.

The first report was that two fellows in the neighborhood had murdered Kelley and then set fire to the building to hide their crime. It was stated that they had been settling up and seeing that he had some money, they followed him up stairs and murdered him. The prosecuting attorney at Kingwood was communicated with and the story laid before him, but there was nothing to warrant arrests and none have been made.

Later it was stated that the fellows were there at the time the fire broke out and that they helped in attempts to extinguish it.

COLLISIONS

OF PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAINS RESULT IN MANY DEATHS.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES AND TRAINS COME TOGETHER AND 25 PERSONS ARE KILLED

Pennsylvania Passenger Train Crashes Into a Freight at Hobart, Ind., and Baggage Master is Killed and Others Seriously Injured.

By Associated Press.
Port Wayne, Ind., Feb. 20--The east bound Pennsylvania passenger train leaving Chicago at midnight, collided with a west bound freight train at Hobart, Ind. Charles Strayer, the baggage master, was killed. Mail Clerk Bricker, Bowers and Thomas, passengers E. G. Westmeyer and C. F. Haverin and Fireman S. A. Longer, were seriously injured.

TWENTY-FIVE KILLED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

By Associated Press.
Ogden, Utah, Feb. 20--Twenty-five persons were killed and fifteen injured by an explosion of dynamite caused by the collision of two freight trains at Jackson on the Ogden and Lucin cut-off of the Southern Pacific railway. A great amount of railroad property was destroyed.

Eight of the killed were Americans and the others Greek laborers.

Among the killed was T. W. Burke, wife and three children, and W. L. Holler, formerly of Andrew, Indiana.

YOST COMES TO TOWN.

Harris Yost, the famous foot ball coach, arrived here from his parents' home in Marion county, Friday night and will remain several days. He expects to go to Ann Arbor about Easter, at which time the foot ball team of the University of Michigan will begin a two weeks' practice. After that he will return here for the summer and may stay in Clarksburg until the foot ball season opens next fall.

POWDER MILLS EXPLOSION

By Associated Press.
Paterson, N. J., Feb. 20--An explosion occurred in the powder mills at Wayne to-day, killing three men and wrecking three mills.

ABLE TO GO HOME AFTER AMPUTATION OPERATION

Mrs. H. A. Ahouse, of New Milton, W. Va., who had one of her limbs amputated recently at the Kessler hospital on account of a badly diseased bone, has so far recovered from the operation that she will be able to return to her home Monday. The operation was a very successful one.

FROZEN

WAS A BOY'S TONGUE TO A BOILER--SICKENING WAS THE GASTLY DISCOVERY.

FLOYD MCKINNEY WAS THE VICTIM--MEN HAD TO CUT THE MEMBER LOOSE.

Supposed Boy's Father Had Driven Him From Home--Bled Profusely and May Not Live.

The thirteen-year-old son of Floyd McKinney, a few miles north of West Union, was found Thursday morning with his tongue frozen to a boiler and his body almost frozen stiff. The persons making the discovery cut his tongue loose from the boiler and proceeded to thaw the boy out. He was speechless. The mutilated member bled profusely. It is not known at this time whether he will recover.

It is believed by some that the father had driven the boy away from home in the night time, and that he went to the boiler, where he had often been before for the purpose of warming, and thoughtlessly placed his tongue on the boiler. No gas had been in the boiler for a few days, but, of course, this was not known to the boy.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

GIVEN TO WHOLESALE DRY GOODS FIRM TO OBTAIN LINE OF CREDIT WAS WRONG.

According to the Charge of Obtaining Goods Falsely, On Which a Weston Merchant Was Bound Over to Circuit Court.

J. N. Butcher, a merchant of Weston, was bound over to Circuit court in the sum of \$1,000, by Magistrate S. W. Gordon Friday evening, on the charge of obtaining goods from the Kohlgard wholesale dry goods house under false pretenses.

The charge against Butcher was preferred by Peter Kohlgard, manager of the Kohlgard Company, who claimed that Butcher purchased goods to the amount of \$376 from the company after giving a written statement to the firm which was afterwards found to be false, showing that his wife was worth \$2,376 over and above her indebtedness. Butcher was acting as the agent of his wife, A. A. Butcher. He made the statement to the firm in order to obtain a line of credit with them. The plaintiff proved that at the time Butcher made the statement his wife, for whom he was acting, was not worth the amount set down in the statement, as liabilities amounting to over \$1,200 were not included in the statement.

Butcher furnished the required bond with his daughter, Mrs. Ada Hickman and Attorney R. L. Bland, of Weston, as sureties, and was released from custody.

HELD FOR COURT WITHOUT BOND

Was Emmanuel Antonio, Who is Accused of the Murder of Pasqual Nicolette, at Two Lick Mines.

Emmanuel Antonio, the Italian, who was jailed Thursday night to await a trial on the charge of murdering Pasqual Nicolette at the Two Lick mines, was given a preliminary hearing by Magistrate M. S. Riley Saturday morning.

The magistrate after hearing the evidence in the case, held the prisoner for Circuit court and committed him to jail without bond.

UP-SET BID FILED.

An up-set bid has been filed before Referee in Bankruptcy W. Frank Stout in the Mattie Mills bankruptcy matter. Some time ago at trustee's sale R. D. Mayo bought her house and lot in Glen Elk for \$1,410 and Viola Hickman now bids \$1,551 for it. The matter will be heard by Mr. Stout in his office at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Quarterly meetings were held today in the Methodist Episcopal church, at Bridgeport, by Rev. Steele, the presiding elder of the district. The attendance was good and the report of the church showed its affairs in fine shape.

AGED LADY VERY SICK.

Mrs. Melissa Teter, wife of Sylvester Teter, residing near Grassland, is very low as the result of old age and her recovery is not expected. She is about 70 years of age.

FIRE PROTECTION AND INSURANCE

Was a Subject Occupying City Council's Attention a Considerable Time, but No Steps Taken to Improve Conditions.

Ordinance Relative to Traders Alley Passes to Its Second Reading--Maps of East Pike Street Filed and Changes in Width Will be Made.

DISTINGUISHED

Was the Visitor Here Saturday--Ex-Minister to Bogota Comes to the City on Business Matter.

Hon. Charles Burdette Hart, ex-minister to Bogota, was here Saturday morning from Wheeling and was the most distinguished visitor of the week. Mr. Hart was here to look after the matters of giving the bond of the trustee of the Jackson Iron & Tin Plate Company, which is the Wheeling Trust and Security Company. He thought he would find the United States Marshal here, but found it necessary to go to Parkersburg to give the bond. His visit being purely a business one, and he did not talk politics or other matters.

DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

MOTHER OF THOMAS B. ELLIOTT W. AND I. NEWTON WILLIAMS OF THIS CITY.

Passes to Her Eternal Reward at Her Home in Uniontown, Pa., Friday Morning From Complication of Diseases.

Mrs. Martha J. Williams, mother of T. B. E. W. and I. N. Williams, of this city, is dead at her home in Uniontown, Pa., at an advanced age.

The Daily Standard, of Uniontown, of Friday, Feb. 19, has the following account of her death:

"Mrs. Martha J. Williams, aged 80 years, died Friday morning, February 19, 1904, at her home on Morgantown street, as the result of a complication of diseases.

"Deceased was a daughter of the late Mathias and Caroline (Frazer) Lancaster, of Brownville, and was born September 12, 1824. She was married January 18, 1844, to Isaac W. Williams, a prominent citizen and well known brick manufacturer of Uniontown, who died about fifteen years ago. There are left surviving her the following children: Thomas B. of Clarksburg, W. Va.; Lewis L. and Joseph V. of Uniontown; Elliot W. of Clarksburg; Mrs. Jennie Markle, wife of O. P. Markle; Mrs. Anna Nixon, wife of Samuel G. Nixon; Mrs. Emma Brooke, wife of George L. Brooke, and Miss Julia B. Williams, all of Uniontown; I. Newton Williams, of Clarksburg; Rev. Charles B. Williams, of Philadelphia, and Harry C. Williams, of Louisville, W. Va.; also two brothers, Robert Lancaster, of Dunbar, and John Lancaster, of Braddock; and one sister, Aschela Lancaster.

"Deceased was a woman of high Christian character, a loving wife and mother, and a devoted member of the First Presbyterian church.

"Funeral Monday at 2 p. m., from the home, with services by Rev. Dr. S. A. Miholland."

NEW PRESSING COMPANY OPENED BY HOWARD BLAKE

Howard Blake has opened up a clothes pressing and cleaning establishment in Glen Elk, which is to be known as the Home Pressing Company. He has rented the room in the Milan building at the corner of North Fourth and Clark streets and installed a modern equipment for cleaning and pressing clothing of all kinds. He will give special attention to ladies work.

DELIGHTFUL MASQUERADE PARTY.

Little Miss Louise Bonghner gave a very unique but delightful masquerade party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bonghner, on Mulberry street, Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. 20 or more little friends were present and enjoyed the evening. The costumes were quaint and all the little folk could desire. Delicious refreshments were served.

The City Council met in regular session Friday night.

The members in attendance were Messrs. Kearns, McAndrew, Kelley, Hurst, Ernst, Moore, Hart Thorne and Law.

The Mayor presided and the clerk was at his desk.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was suspended.

City Engineer Britt submitted a map of East Pike street, according to a survey made by him and Charles Boggess, showing the original course of the street from Oak street to the Elk creek bridge and made a verbal explanation of the work and map. A former map calls for a 60 foot wide street all the way through but at the eastern corner of the Catholic church property the map seems to call for 50 feet in width to the bridge. The original lines carries the south side of the street to the top of the bank of the St. Joseph's Academy property, necessitating the removal of the fence back about 8 feet. The matter was referred to the city attorney and city engineer and Councilmen Kearns and McAndrew to adjust with Bishop Donohue.

The city engineer suggested that maps be made of each ward, showing locations of lateral valves, man-holes of the sewerage water pipes of the water works system, electric light poles and so forth. Upon motion he was instructed to bring in an estimate at the next meeting of the cost of such maps.

This officer reported that the cost of lowering the grade of East Pike street, from Coal to Church street, would be about \$600.

The street superintendent reported the bridge across the Short Line railroad to Broadus Institute as in a dangerous condition. The mayor informed council that the railroad company had promised to take the matter up.

Chairman Moore, of the Street committee, reported on the Fordyce property damage matter on Sycamore street, which had been referred to the Street committee. He had been informed by one interested that the overflow of water was from a watering trough established by F. F. Thompson, landlord of the damaged property, and as on December 20, 1901, the city abandoned all water troughs, it was a matter between the owner and the renter. He also directed attention to the establishment in Traders alley of a "bird cage" of wires by the Consolidated Telephone Company, contrary to ordinance and said he had a letter from the superintendent of the telephone system.

The matter was referred to the Street committee with power to act.

The mayor stated that an ordinance on sanitation would be ready at the next meeting.

The following ordinance was introduced and passed to its second reading:

"An ordinance, relating to the widening of Traders alley, between Third and Fourth streets, also to establish a building line on each side of same, and the construction of buildings thereon.

"Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Clarksburg:

"Section 1--That all buildings which may be hereafter erected on either the North or South side of Traders alley, extending and running between Third and Fourth streets, and lying between and running parallel with Pike street and Main street, shall be erected and constructed ten feet back from the present northern and southern boundary line of said alley.

"Section 2--That all building permits which may be hereafter granted by this council for the erection or construction of any building or buildings to be erected or constructed along the North or South side of the section of the alley herein mentioned, shall be granted only on condition that said building or structure shall be erected and built in conformity with Section 1 of this ordinance.

"Section 3--That all buildings which may hereafter be erected along the section of the alley mentioned in this ordinance, shall be built or constructed of brick, stone or terra cotta; provided that all the buildings and structures so

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